Allotment of Stalls at New Delhi Station

3028. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1172 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1990 and statte:

(a) whether existing/normal procedure was adopted before allotment of the stalls at New Delhi Station;

(b) if not, under what circumstances the allotments were made;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of demands of essential facilities like Books, Misc. Chemist etc. stalls were regularly turned down for NDLS, Delhi Nizamuddin stations on the plea of heavy congestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Few stalls were sanctioned by this Ministry to meet the requirement of passengers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Book-Stall Contractors

3029. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms/rules framed by Government for the book-stall contractors to prove their services/working as satisfactory;

(b) what are the rules fixed by Government for the book-stall contractors for their satisfactory services/working; and

(c) what are the details of the instructions/directives issued from time to time by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Book-stall contractors are governed by the provisions of Agreement executed by them with the Railways. If all the agreemental provisions are complied with the performance of the book-stall contrtactor is considered satisfactory. The provisions include that no obscene or objectionable literature are displayed or sold, the book-stall remains open during the notified timings, no overcharging, the staff should wear proper uniform and badges, etc.

Book Stalls at Railway Stations

3030. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will thet Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the number of Book-stalls on the Railway record running for more than 10 years without proper agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid the Table of the Sabha.

Share of Railways in Passenger traffic

3031. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Railways in total passenger traffic has slumped from 74 per cent in 1950-51 to 23 per cent in 1988-89 and that of freight movement from 89 per cent to 46 per cent during the same period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to gear up the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Statistics of passenger and freight traffic carried by rail, road and other modes respectively from the year 1987-88 are not available.

According to statistics compiled in the past, in the Planning Commission, the